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Stevens Pass Sewer District Receives Funding for Wastewater Treatment Facility

OLYMPIA, Washington – Jackie J. Gleason, Washington State Director of United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Development recently announced the award of loan funds totaling \$6,524,300 to complete the upgrade to the Stevens Pass Sewer District's wastewater treatment facility.

The current facility configuration is not providing adequate effluent treatment prior to discharge to Nason Creek. The timing of these improvements is very critical due to the short construction season experienced by the Stevens Pass area. These improvements must be completed by late November or early December. Now with the funding in place, they will be able to take advantage of this summer's construction season.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. Rural Development provides equity, liquidity, and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on these and other rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA Rural Development's Washington State web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/wa>.

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